FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: February 10, 2010

Agenda Item: All Party Applications Available for up to Five Persons

Division: Wildlife   **Action Needed:** Approval of Final Rule

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

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Background
This initial proposal would enact a consistent number of applicants—five—for all deer, elk and antelope license and permit "party" applications. For public comment, turkey is proposed to be added here. A party application is only entered once into any drawing. If successful in that one bid, all applicants of the party are successful. This would be available for residents and nonresidents alike and would match the current four-person party limit for all deer and elk permits (adopted in February 2010) with the current five-person application number for antelope and nonresident deer/elk general licenses. The difference between four- and five-person party applications has been a source of application error and confusion for nonresidents.

Public Involvement Process & Results
In addition to public comment at the FWP Commission meeting in December, public comment ran from Dec. 10 thru Jan. 14, 2011. Twenty comments were received and forwarded to the commission. While not unanimous, a common theme was the recognition of the inconsistency of different species having different party-application sizes. Turkey has been added here in response to public comment.

Alternatives and Analysis
Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, with deletions or no change from 2010 (status quo) as per staff justifications, public comment and FWP Commission discussion.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale
This proposal would enact a consistent number of applicants for all party applications. To clarify, a party application is only entered once into any drawing. If successful in that one bid, all applicants of the party are successful.

Proposed Motion
I move the FWP Commission adopt the final party application size of five persons as presented by FWP.